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Foreword

May 1st.

Three years ago today the ground was broken for the erection of the gymnasium. This signalled the commencement of a long overdue programme of building, and, since that time, we have gradually obtained the following additions to the School: a gymnasium and changing room, a new Assembly Hall, [the old Hall providing three much needed class rooms] a lunch room, equipped with tables and benches by the Old Boys' Association, an Entrance Hall with staircase, additional tankage, and a very great improvement in the general appearance of the building. Externally, no further changes to the School are anticipated, but it is hoped that during the summer holidays certain interior alterations will be made, which will provide another class-room and a more convenient arrangement from the point of view of organisation. When these alterations are completed, we hope to have a formal opening. The grounds surrounding the school are receiving attention. The yard has been surfaced and in the near future trees, shrubs and hedges will be planted, which in a few years should relieve the bleakness of aspect and enhance the impressiveness of the building.

Two members of the Staff will be leaving us at the end of this term in the persons of Mr. Bower and Mr. Maundrill. They will be greatly missed at School, especially in our extra-curricular activities, where they have both been a valuable help to the School. We wish them the best of luck for the future.

We are now within a few weeks of the Coronation of our beloved young Queen, and accounts of the preparations for the ceremony with all its splendour, and of the evidence of love and loyalty towards her from all corners of the earth, stir the hearts of all of us, who are proud to be her subjects. This is a good time for each one of us to rededicate ourselves to the service of our Motherland and to endeavour to be worthy subjects of such a gracious Queen — Long may she reign in peace and happiness.

The Debating Society

"You can't buy culture" was one of the opinions voiced in the course of a debate on the motion, "This House is opposed to commercial broadcasting." For this debate, held on March 26th, we were fortunate to have as guest speakers Mrs. Terry Tucker and Mr. J. R. Plowman, and there was a stimulating exchange of ideas.

Proposing the motion, F. R. Snape disclaimed any intention of making a slashing attack on Bermuda broadcasting. In fact he felt that for such a small island Bermuda had quite a good station, but he would like to see it maintained by means of a tax rather than by the sale of advertisement time. If that didn't yield enough money, they might have recourse to commercial broadcasting, but to a limited extent only.

He estimated that one-fifth of broadcasting time was given up to the advertisements, interspersed through the programmes; and he felt that it was a great pity to break up good programmes in that way.

Also he believed that the value of radio advertisement was over-rated. What had the sponsor to gain by it? Newspapers could provide all the advertisement required, and the radio listener tended to get so exasperated with the dunning of radio advertisement that instead of being persuaded he was repelled by it.

J. M. Berridge, Opposer, maintained that without recourse to advertisement revenue Bermuda wouldn't have the financial resources to keep its two radio programmes going. The annual sum of £2,500 was required to run the news broadcast alone, and the Government shouldn't be expected to shoulder such a burden.

If big progressive countries like the U.S.A. and Canada recognized the need for commercial broadcasts, why should Bermuda not tolerate them?

As to the value of radio advertising, it had been proved beyond doubt that it was an effective method of increasing sales; and it should also be borne in mind that Z.B.M. gave up some part of its time gratis for the benefit of such public activities as the Rotary, the Lions, and the Twenty-five Club.

Mrs. Terry Tucker, speaking third, said she fully realised that a broadcasting company must have an adequate revenue, but it need not necessarily come from advertisements; the B.B.C., for instance, got its revenue from licence fees and from the publication of radio magazines, and apparently it had no difficulty.

But she was not really concerned with the question of ways and means. Her objections to commercial broadcasting might be considered under four main heads.

First came aesthetic considerations: advertisements were often presented in a way which amounted to an insult to the aesthetic sense.

Next came the time element: in commercial broadcasting time meant money; you couldn't deprive the next man of one second of his advertising time, and so programmes tended to be rigidly cut up into short periods, and were produced against a background of hurry.

Then there was the question of juxtaposition: commercial broadcasting was apt to produce an unsuitable sequence in the programme, one was hurried in a disconcerting manner from a guitar solo to a religious service.

And this brought her to the fourth point: in commercial broadcasting constructive policy was lacking because every other consideration gave way to that of publicity; it was the advertising tail that wagged the radio dog.

Mr. J. R. Plowman, speaking fourth, said that the alternative to commercial broadcasting was the virtual dictatorship of state broadcasting, and in this connection it might be pointed out that the financial position of the B.B.C. was not quite so simple as had been suggested, for its revenue was subject to the control of the Government, who might at any time divert some part of the revenue to some other uses.

He would not deny that commercial broadcasting had its faults, but they were outweighed by the advantages. It provided greater variety for the listener: In New York there were twenty different programmes, catering for all tastes, which was impossible in London, confined to its three B.B.C. programmes. It was a more flexible system because it had more money with which to achieve its aim of giving the public what they really wanted; the public didn't want to be forcibly educated, but to be entertained. If broadcasting in Bermuda got into the hands of the Government there would very soon be only one programme, continually subject to the criticism of economy-minded Assemblymen.

Radio programmes should provide for as many different tastes as possible; the more programmes there were, the more likely it was that this objective would be reached, and it was commercial broadcasting that multiplied the number of programmes. Advertisement announcements were of course a necessary part of it, but these took up only a few minutes of each hour, and the listener had ready protection against them — a turn of the switch.

Mr. M. R. Stevens supported the motion on two grounds. First, commercial broadcasting rested essentially on the advertising, and, however good the programme, it was likely to be spoiled by the puerile presentation of the advertisement, which jarred the intellect, and tended to set up a conflict of ideas. Secondly, he felt that it tended to lower the standard of taste by playing down to the lowest common denominator: one of the functions of broadcasting should be to raise the standard of appreciation, and this was more likely to be achieved by the carefully balanced programmes of the B.B.C. He denied that state broadcasting meant dictatorship: there were too many safeguards.

Mr. Maundrill opposed commercial broadcasting simply on the grounds of incompatibility. Commercial broadcasting rested entirely on financial considerations, but you couldn't buy culture; the two things didn't mix.

There also spoke: H. G. F. Pierce, C. G. Russell, R. C. Stubbs, C. W. Kempe, and W. Hanlon.

The motion was carried by a margin of 21 votes.

At the conclusion of the debate, tea was served in the library.

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In lighter vein was the meeting of November 20th, the occasion of a successful innovation, — "Talk yourself out of that." Each of ten chosen speakers was in turn confronted with an awkward situation from which he was required to extricate himself to the satisfaction of the rest of the members together constituting a panel of judges.

One of the more amusing evasions was that of A. J. B. Davidson. His neighbour accused his nice little dog of killing three prize bantams; the dog had been found with blood in the mouth and feathers hanging from the ears. Talk yourself out of that! He explained that he had recently acquired a new gun, and his dog had accompanied him on the hunting expedition to try out the gun. It had been a very successful expedition, and his dog had got a bit messed up retrieving the birds which he had shot.

Also ingenious was the way in which H. G. F. Pierce explained away a "situation" on the Queen of Bermuda. He had been found without a ticket in one of the lifeboats, and the Captain charged him with being a stowaway on the Queen. He claimed to have been a visitor seeing friends off, but he himself had failed to get off in time; then he had lost his head a bit, and fearing that he might be charged as a stowaway he had made for a lifeboat, for it seemed to him that there he wouldn't be on the Queen at all but on a separate boat, so how could he be a stowaway?

Other meetings held were as follows:

October 30th. — Debate — "This House would ban the private use of cars and autocyces in Bermuda."

Proposer	B. E. Wheelwright	Opposer	G. H. Grayston
Third	Mr. Stevens	Fourth	Mr. Maundrill

The motion was carried by a margin of thirteen votes.

February 12th — Debate — "This House would welcome the introduction in Bermuda of a system of Party Government following the English tradition."

Proposer	C. W. Kempe	Opposer	Mr. Stevens
Third	F. R. Snape	Fourth	J. M. Berridge

The motion was defeated by a margin of sixteen votes.

March 5th — Debate — "This Hows wud supawt the introdukshun of a sistum of simplyfyd spelling."

Proposer	C. W. Kempe	Opposer	F. R. Snape
Third	Mr. Maundrill	Fourth	D. B. Wingate

The motion was defeated by a margin of five votes.

October 9th and January 22nd — Hat Debates

Subjects picked from the hat included: Homework, Music, "The square on the hypotenuse", Elder brothers, Younger sisters, Barber's shop, Medicine, Mice, Z.B.M., Tourists, Infinity.

The Society owes much to the continued help and co-operation of Mr. Stevens and Mr. Maundrill and we wish to express our appreciation.

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B. E. Wheelwright, D. B. Wingate.

J. H. K.

Cadets

Strength: 48.

N.C.Os.: Sgt. Cassidy; Cpls. Burns, Hanlon, Kempe,
L/Cpls. Leach, Dunch, Williams.

Since the Local Forces Board has been in charge of the Corps we have had an increase in the number of instructors — who gave of their free time — and this has led to an increased efficiency in our weapon-training. We are now able to look forward to our Annual Camp with the assurance that we shall successfully acquit ourselves on the Firing Point.

In ceremonial parades we have been represented at the Remembrance Day Parade, the Queen's Birthday Parade, and, in the near future, we shall be present at the Coronation Day Celebrations.

Finally, we wish to congratulate Major H. Evans, a Saltus Old Boy, on his appointment as Commandant of the Bermuda Cadet Corps and to thank Sgt. E. Doughty for his valuable assistance during the past year.

LONG LIVE THE QUEEN . . .

F. L. S.

The Stamp Club

There has been some falling off in enthusiasm during this year, but there are still some faithful members who appear regularly at the weekly meetings.

We are hoping gradually to introduce a system of exchange with people at home and in other colonies. A start has been made with Repton Junior School in connection with Coronation First Day Covers.

E. W.

Building Operations

The Upper Sixth is deep in an absorbing period of English History, which, as any teacher, instructor or professor will confirm, is a subject in which interruptions are disastrous. But the Upper Sixth is an industrious form, eager to learn, cherishing the proverb:— "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will become yet wiser." Most remarkable of all, it has an unquenchable passion for History and so the bedlam outside causes little disturbance. It has, however, the priceless ad-

vantage of being able to retire to a vacant room beyond the range of the din should it become intolerable.

But what of a large form like Form V, whose members are not quite so industrious as their brethren in the Upper Sixth and which is confined to one form-room? Various complications inevitably set in.

There are three types of students. First, there are those to whom the noise outside is a perpetual nuisance; then there are those who see the humorous side of the Master versus Building Operations contest, and finally there are the students who would rather study architecture than the Latin, which they are supposedly studying, and who gaze spell-bound at the amazing scene outside. The valiant Latin master struggles on, but, with Latin streaming in one ear of a distracted form and the atrocious wailing of buzz saws, the clanging of hammers and the chug-chug of concrete mixers pouring in the other, he is fighting a losing battle.

Thus it is no wonder that nerves are ragged, that eyes furtively dart to and from the clock hanging on the wall, and that long pent-up sighs of relief stream forth unchecked when the bell rings to end the period. But what of the culprits outside? Let us investigate!

Three industrious workmen are deep in a game of poker. The foreman, just finishing off a bottle of Pepsi-Cola, has a slightly guilty conscience and is about to break up the game when he suddenly feels the hot sun on his bare skin, and decides that he had better try to win back the shirt which he had lost the previous day. One exhausted gentleman, worn out with watching a football game on the field, takes out his newspaper, but, lacking the energy to give it support, covers his face with it and lapses into merciful oblivion. Suddenly there is a sickening thud as a limestone block disintegrates after a forty foot drop. The gentleman responsible for this looks down with every sign of amazement, but remembers vaguely that the force of gravity is usually greater than the resistance of the air.

Meanwhile, the foreman, having won back his shirt, tries to explain to a broken-hearted apprentice that the wall, which he had built and which has just collapsed, might possibly stay upright if he put the blocks directly on top of one another and cemented them together. The apprentice gapes in open admiration and, hailing his foreman as a second Einstein, tackles the job with savage enthusiasm.

There is another complication down at the end of the wall, where two comrades have been so intent on their job that they have cemented a third into the wall. With characteristic efficiency, they rescue him from his plight, tearing down half the wall to accomplish this prodigious task. During the excitement, however, the wheelbarrow containing the cement has been overturned, cementing the wheelbarrow onto the

verandah. The solution finally agreed upon is to chop away the wheelbarrow, but, before this plan can be put into action, the twelve o'clock siren blows and immediately all hands cease work.

The moral effect on the school is incredible. Work continues uninterrupted. Now the master has to deal only with internal competition, and the Upper Sixth can at last return to their beloved History.

W. HANLON.

The Cruel Sea

It was a dazzling summer's day and, after having spent an idle morning swimming and diving in the cool of the sea, I came to rest on a small, hot, barren island. As I sat, the reflections of the sun on the water danced over my dripping feet and over the sharp, brittle rocks which plunged into deep green water a few feet below me. The dark forms of lazy fish were blurred only occasionally by a minor ripple on the water.

Somehow, today was not the same. The spell of summer seemed at last to have been broken. No longer did every little wave seem to laugh. No longer did the squawking tropic birds seem carefree and happy. Suddenly, in fact, they seemed almost urgent. For the first time during my carefree swims, I found myself really observing and wondering. When I dived back into the sea, I did not care to swim about with eyes closed as I usually did. Instead, I swam straight to shore, almost anxious to get out.

These whims, of course, soon disappeared when I became immersed once more in everyday affairs but, even so, I did look forward to my next swim with a kind of wonder, uncertain what to expect. Several days later I again went to the same spot. It was early morning and the sea was calm and grey. I did not enjoy my swim at all, though I could see no reason why this should be so. Was it because I was lonely? Possibly it was. Certainly something was lacking. The tropic birds were no longer so noticeable, but it was something more than that. The sea itself seemed to provide the only answer. As it lay so deathly still, it seemed cold and threatening like some sleeping monster. Whilst I sat watching it, the air was suddenly pierced by the pathetic cries of a shorebird — the first of the migrants. I enjoyed its company for the rest of the morning and watched it often. I could not help noticing a certain wariness in the bird's actions, as though it were under the influence of some great urge. Could this be the same feeling which I had, on a smaller scale?

The next day my shorebird was accompanied by others. The air became electric with their urgency. And the sea, though it was as

smooth as ever, began to sigh and whisper threatenings against the shore, as long, low swells heaved over the reefs.

Throughout these threatening days I rose early to mark the changes that occurred. Then at last came the real change which I had so long expected. The monster was awakening. All through the night the threatenings of the sea grew louder and louder until they became a dull roar. Now, in the cool of the morning, I could distinctly feel the lightest of breezes. It was no ordinary breeze. It was weak but steady, as though it came from some distant, giant source. As the light increased, I could plainly see wisps of low cloud darting across the sky. Occasionally, through a break, I would catch a glimpse of the mass of clouds above, now beginning to thicken under cover of those below.

But the sea, the terrible sea, was only now beginning to awaken from its disturbed dreams. It had long been apparent that some terrible event was about to take place and the threats had been almost too much for the shorebirds to bear. Together we had waited and wondered how long we should be tormented and how threatening it would become before all fury was let loose. Now we were almost willing to brave the real thing. Some, who had remained earthbound the previous day, were now flying recklessly over the sea, unable to wait for the storm to break. In fact, it was not until the height of the hurricane that I was able to grasp its real violence. Then I suddenly became aware that my position was unsafe. True panic gripped me as I realized that the green-eyed monster had all this time been stirring and awakening and was now upon me with its jaws agape. As fast as I moved, the waves seemed to gain upon me, and when at last, shaking with fear, I sat down to rest in a safe spot, from which I could see my former viewpoint awash in a sandy, foaming inferno, I was able to understand the full meaning of those threatening days.

The next day was probably as perfect a day as I can remember. Everything living rejoiced, while the debris and the dead littered the beaches.

D. WINGATE.

The Importance of Being a Bermudian

Almost every country has some period of glory to which it can look back with pride. Agincourt, Waterloo, Gallipoli, Dunkirk! What patriotic sentiment do these names stir in the hearts of Englishmen? What do the names of Metz, Sedan and Tannenberg mean to the German, or those of Austerlitz and Verdun to the Frenchman? These are the names which cause them to look at their national emblems with

fierce pride. But these countries also have humiliations to endure, stains on past history, which time has not effaced and which live on from generation to generation.

There is, however, one country which, in the pages of History, has nothing to its name but glory and honour. What country is it? Why, Bermuda of course! Was it once said that a perfect people could not exist? This is as far from the truth as the Cross is from the Crescent. There is indeed a country with a perfect people. Where is it? Why, Bermuda of course!

True to her policy of "splendid isolation", and having no colonies nor outside responsibilities, she can concentrate all her energies on benevolent construction at home and on good-will abroad. Let us first look at the island itself. Completely self-supporting, with the richest soil in the world, it produces the finest crops that the modern world has ever seen. Richer in oil than Maricaoibo, richer in gold than South Africa, Bermuda is, without doubt, the most prosperous state in the world.

Like the island which he inhabits, the Bermudian is perfect. From his cultured voice to his magnificent physique, he represents the ideal of perfect manhood. He has the high prestige of his country to maintain and will not allow himself to forget this for a single instant. The capital of this island-paradise is Hamilton, famous throughout the world for its architecture, which surpasses even that of old Vienna, with a gaiety greater than that of Paris and with a fascination stronger than that of London. The University of Hamilton is second to none in the arts of Literature, Music and History. Hamilton is indeed the last connection which we have with the glories of the eighteenth century.

Last, but by no means least, we should recall the history of Bermuda, a history unequalled by any other country in the world to-day. Even after being awarded her independence for her splendid part in the Seven Years War (by securing Canada for the British Empire), she still maintained her intimate ties with the mother country and still flies the British flag to-day. Of course, the honours gained by the Bermudian Legion at Waterloo and The Bermudian Hussars (Light Brigade) at Balaklava need no mention here; the story is too well-known

Thus, with every date in Bermudian history one of glory and honour, with a country of incredible mineral wealth, a fabulous capital and a perfect people, Sir Thomas Moore's book "Utopia" has come to life.

And so, what is the importance of being a Bermudian? Why, being a Bermudian of course!

W. HANLON.

The Ideal Heroine of Fiction

The Ideal Heroine should be about five feet four inches tall, have brown hair and blue eyes, a tanned complexion (make-up will serve the purpose) and a thoroughly pneumatic figure. Besides this, she must have a fortune of two or three million dollars, a house in town and a house in the country, not to mention a yacht or two. Each house must be well supplied with servants, who will, of course, include an English butler called James, who has been in the family for "simply generations". The country house will have its quota of tennis courts and swimming pools and the garages will be supplied with five or six of the very latest cars.

Our heroine will go to the finest schools, be invited to all the "ultra, ultra" parties and spend her summers in Europe. Her parents will have arranged for her to marry "Somebody-the-third — Heir to a fortune in Oil Wells", when a complication appears in the form of some handsome young brute who is a floor sweeper in her father's factory. They will probably meet when she is strolling down the street and falls and turns her ankle; or perhaps he is walking home (broom under arm) and she just "happens" to drive past and asks him if he would like a lift in her ten thousand dollar European sports car.

He will be very sarcastic and make comments about her having too much money, but nevertheless she will "fall" for him completely. He will want to have nothing to do with her, as he already has a girl friend, who is a typist at the factory where he works. Our heroine does not despair, however, and suddenly he realizes that his old girl friend should not be allowed to come between him and true love, not to mention three million dollars.

They agree to marry but her parents refuse their consent. Then the two lovers have a quarrel because he has his pride and will not let her keep her two Cadillacs when they are married. So he goes back to the old girl friend and our heroine to her "Oil heir", but they are both unhappy. Eventually he becomes ill and is taken to hospital where she rushes to his side. She promises to support him for the rest of his life if he gets better; he agrees at last and so they live happily ever after (at least until she wants a divorce in Reno).

A. C. BURNS.

Swimming Sports — September 1952

The first week of term was one of frantic preparation for the Sports which take place almost as soon as boys have once more set foot inside the school after a long recess. B.A.A. Pool was again the scene and our annual event was attended by many parents and friends.

Many of our records have stood the test of years and in 1951 not one new mark was set. This time, however, we were surprised to see two long-standing records broken, when M. Harrison clipped one fifth from the Group A 25 yards freestyle mark and R. Atkinson reduced the Group C 50 yards Breaststroke by three tenths of a second.

The valuable assistance of Derek Oatway, D. J. Williams, and Francis Gosling was deeply appreciated.

RESULTS:

Group A. 25 yds. Freestyle

1. M. Harrison, 2. R. Dixon, 3. Zuill — Time: 16.2 secs. Record.

Group B. 25 yds. Freestyle

1. D. Hayward, 2. J. Bluck, 3. A. Cooper — Time 16.2 secs.

Group C. 50 yds. Freestyle

1. R. Atkinson, 2. E. Simmons, 3. B. Franklin — Time: 33. 2 secs.

Group C. 25 yds. Backstroke

1. J. Smith, 2. F. Williams, 3. J. Bluck — Time: 18.2 secs.

Group C. 50 yds. Breaststroke

1. R. Atkinson, 2. F. Patterson, 3. C. Zuill — Time: 39.5 secs.
(in heats) Record.

Group D. 50 yds. Freestyle

1. R. Bailey, 2. J. Sharp, 3. D. Cave — Time: 31.6 secs.

Group D. 25 yds. Backstroke

1. R. Leach, 2. W. Cook, 3. R. Davidson — Time: 17.2 secs.

Group D. 50 yds. Breaststroke

1. R. Leach, 2. G. Pope, 3. P. Grayston — Time: 39.4 secs.

Group E. 100 yds. Freestyle

1. D. Thorne, 2. T. Cassidy, 3. W. Acton — Time: 61.2 secs.

Group E. 200 yds. Freestyle

1. W. Acton, 2. R. Bailey, 3. G. Pope — Time: 2 min. 50.5 secs.

Group E. 100 yds. Breaststroke

1. J. Carey, 2. B. Hayward, 3. A. Burns — Time: 91.2 secs.

Group E. 50 yds. Backstroke

1. D. Thorne, 2. T. Cassidy, 3. R. Davidson — Time: 34.2 secs.

Junior Diving

1. J. Smith, 2. R. Lines, 3. D. Gibbons.

Senior Diving

1. B. Hayward, 2. C. Cassidy, 3. G. Pope.

Junior Relay

1. Butterfield, 2. Saltus, 3. Darrell — Time: 64.4 secs.

Senior Relay

1. Butterfield, 2. Saltus, 3. Watlington — Time: 2 min. 21.8 secs.

House Competition — Senior

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| 1st | Butterfield |
| 2nd | Saltus |
| 3rd | Darrell |

House Competition — Junior

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| 1st | Butterfield |
| 2nd | Saltus |
| 3rd | Darrell |

Soccer 1952-53

Senior.

In the Senior League Saltus had less difficulty than usual because there was only one other team entered and this was a below-strength Warwick Academy XI. As a result it was extremely difficult to maintain the enthusiasm shown in previous years and the first division rarely took their practices seriously. In match play, however, the first eleven showed quite a high standard of play under the captaincy of A. Burns. D. Thorne, who had always played out in the field, became goal-keeper where he turned in many creditable performances. P. Grayston at centre half and R. Leach at wing half are to be congratulated, too.

Junior.

This year the School will not receive the inter-school trophy as it will be presented to Dellwood School. The 'Colts' started well and at practice they made every attempt to use the ball rather than kick wildly. Unfortunately emphasis on this more refined approach to the game seemed to cause them to lose their speed, and in nearly every game of the season they allowed their opponents too much space to attack.

When our attack got under way, the forwards were slow to take their opportunities. After a 2-2 draw at Dellwood we suffered a crucial 1-0 defeat at home and this game settled the positions of Dellwood and Saltus in the League. It only remains for us to hope that the Juniors will pull themselves together and display a better standard next year.

RESULTS:

Junior League

School 4	v	Warwick	1	(away)
School 2	v	Dellwood	2	(away)
School 7	v	Whitney	0	
School 0	v	Dellwood	1	
School 2	v	Mt St A	0	
School 3	v	Warwick	1	
School 1	v	Whitney	1	
School 2	v	Mt St A	3	

Senior League

School 5	v	Queen of Bda	2
School 3	v	R.A.M.C	1
School 0	v	B.A.A. Jrs	3
School 3	v	H. A. & E. Smith	3
School 4	v	R.A.M.C.	4
School 5	v	Mt St A	0
School 3	v	B.A.A. Jrs.	1
School 4	v	Old Boys	2
School 7	v	Warwick	1

Junior House Matches

Saltus	v	Watlington	(5 - 1)
Butterfield	v	Darrell	(0 - 0)
Darrell	v	Watlington	(1 - 0)
Butterfield	v	Saltus	(2 - 2)
Saltus	v	Darrell	(1 - 3)
Butterfield	v	Watlington	(1 - 0)

Senior House Matches

Butterfield	v	Darrell	(1 - 5)
Saltus	v	Watlington	(1 - 2)
Butterfield	v	Saltus	(7 - 3)
Darrell	v	Watlington	(1 - 1)
Butterfield	v	Watlington	(2 - 3)
Saltus	v	Darrell	(0 - 7)

K. B.

School Sports Day

Thursday, March 19th, might have been better named 'Black Thursday' for rain threatened to deluge competitors and spectators alike at any moment. A heavy shower, immediately prior to the first event, left the field wet and slippery, whilst a high wind prevented many new times being recorded on the track.

Two high jump records were set up, in Groups A and C respectively, a quarter inch being added to the former and an inch and a quarter to the latter, which has stood since 1941. Throughout the competition boys were not allowed to use the orthodox scissor method of jumping, but were compelled to employ the Western Roll or Straddle. Ultimately this will cause new records to be set in the older groups.

Another worthy performance was seen in the Junior Relay when the team from Watlington House, who are now "old hands" at baton changing, clipped the former record of 60.7 by .3 seconds. New records were also established in Group E Pole Vault and Group C Javelin.

The only changes made in the programme from previous years were in the length of the hurdles events. Group D Hurdles now comprises seven flights over a distance of 75 yards and in Group E we now have eight flights and 100 yards. This brings the event into line with the inter-school event.

The prizes were presented by Mr. Edmund Gibbons.

Results.

GROUP "A"

50 yards—I. Profit, 2. Couchman, 3. Hooper. Time 8 secs.

Egg and Spoon—1. Perinchief, 2. Profit, 3. Hooper.

High Jump 1. Couchman, 2 Profit, 3. Hooper. Height 3 feet 6½ inches (N.R.).

Long Jump—1. Profit, 2. Hooper, 3. Stutz. Distance 10 feet 5½ inches.

GROUP "B"

100 yards — 1. Harrison, 2. Herkes, 3. Hallett. Time 15 secs.

High Jump—1. Hayward, 2. Harrison, 3. Davis. Height 3 feet 11¾ inches.

Long Jump—1. Hallett. 2. Harrison, 3. McCann. Distance 12 feet 5 inches.

Obstacle Race — 1. Darrell, 2. Watlington, 3. Saltus.

GROUP "C"

Long Jump—1. Kitson (W), 2. Outerbridge 4. (S), 3. Acton (B). Distance 13 feet 2½ inches.

Javelin—1. Outerbridge 4 (S), 2. Young 1 (S), 3. Gibbons (B). Distance 80 feet 1 inch. (N.R.)

220 Yards—1. Couper (S), 2. Godet (W), 3. Acton (B). Time 30.6 secs.

440 Yards—1. Acton, 2. Couper, 3. Lines. Time 1:10.5 secs.

High Jump—1. Shanks, 2. Mayall, 3. Kitson. Height 4 feet 7¾ inches (N.R.)

Pole Vault—1. Lines, 2. Gibbons, 3. Davidson. Height 6 feet.

100 Yards—1. Couper, 2. Acton, 3. Godet. Time 14 secs.

GROUP "D"

1 Mile—1. Davidson 1 (D), 2. Bailey (S), 3. Berridge (W). Time 6:13.3 secs.

880 Yards—1. Bailey (S), 2. Davidson 1 (D), 3. Chiappa 1 (D). Time 2:28.7 secs.

Shot Put—1. Richardson (S), 2. Bailey (S), 3. Atkinson (B). Distance 32 feet 10½ inches.

High Jump—1. Smith 2 (S), 2. Kaufman (S), 3. Davidson 1 (D). Height 4 feet 8 inches.

Javelin—1. Atkinson (B), 2. Grayston (W), 3. Bailey (S). Distance 106 feet 9 inches.

Pole Vault—1. Durrell (D), 2. Williams 3 (D). Height 6 feet 9 inches.

Discus—1. Grayston, 2. Richardson, 3. Spurling. Distance 108 feet 3 inches.

100 Yards—1. Kaufman, 2. Bailey, 3. Berridge. Time 11.6 secs.

220 Yards—1. Kaufman, 2. Bailey, 3. Davidson. Time 27 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump—1. Bailey, 2. Smith, 3. Ridgeway. Distance 32 feet 7 inches.

75 Yards Hurdles—1. Grayston, 2. Smith, 3. Cassidy. Time 12.1 Secs.

Long Jump—1. Smith, 2. Grayston, 3. Davidson. Distance 15 feet 10½ inches.

440 Yards—1. Kaufman, 2. Davidson, 3. Durrell. Time 1:02.4 secs.

GROUP "E"

2 Miles—1. Burns (D), 2. Wingate (B), 3. Cassidy (B). Time 12:09.5 secs.

440 Yards—1. Burns (D), 2. Cassidy 1 (B), 3. Dunch (W). Time 56 secs.

880 Yards—1. Burns (D), 2. Wingate (B), 3. Dunch (W). Time 2:18.2 secs.

Long Jump—1. Cassidy 1 (B), 2. Dunch (W), 3. Thorne (S). Distance 18 feet 11½ inches.

Pole Vault—1. Dunch (W), 2. Kempe (D), 3. Burns (D). Height 7 feet 3 inches (N.R.)

100 Yards—1. Burns, 2. Cassidy, 3. Kempe. Time 11.7 secs.

220 Yards—1. Burns, 2. Dunch, 3. Thorne. Time 26 secs.

Hop, Step, Jump—1. Dunch, 2. Leach. Distance 34 feet 5 inches.

Javelin—1. Caton, 2. Leach. Distance 100 feet 5½ inches.

1 Mile—1. Burns, 2. Hanlon. Time 5:32.9 secs.

100 Yards Hurdles—1. Cassidy, 2. Kempe. Time 15.1 secs.

Shot Put—1. Cassidy, 2. Leach, 3. Caton. Distance 35 feet 8 inches.

Discus—1. Cave, 2. Caton. Distance 76 feet 3 inches.

High Jump—1. Thorne, 2. Williams, 3. Wingate. Height 4 feet 8¼ inches.

Old Boys' Race—1. Crisson, 2. H. Frith, 3. O. Spurling.

Under 12 Relay (4x55 yards) —1. Watlington, 2. Saltus, 3. Butterfield. Time 33.4 secs.

Junior Relay Under 14 (4 x 110 yards)—1. Watlington, 2. Darrell, 3. Saltus. Time 60.4 secs. (N.R.)

Senior Relay (Open, 4 x 100 yards)—1. Darrell, 2. Saltus, 3. Watlington. Time 51.4 secs.

HOUSE COMPETITION RESULTS

Senior—1. Saltus 92 points, 2. Darrell 87 points, 3. Butterfield 53 points.

Junior—1. Saltus 61 points, 2. Watlington 50 points, 3. Butterfield 46 points.

Junior Cup Winner—Bailey.

Senior Cup Winner—Burns.

School Boxing — February 20, 1953

Entries for the Boxing were this year somewhat smaller than they have been in the past and preliminaries were concluded in one afternoon with the fifty contestants being reduced to twenty-six.

To give more variety to the spectators, we decided to mix the bouts, instead of following the previous method of working through the weight groups, from the tiny boys of less than sixty-one pounds to the Heavy-weight division, where young giants of two hundred pounds met. This system seemed to meet with all-round approval.

One bout was unfortunately reduced to a mere stop-gap, as the absence of V. Minich, in the under 68 lbs. division, prevented the usual competition from taking place.

We were as usual given most valuable service in officiating by Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. H. Evans, Mr. S. Gascoigne, Mr. M. Paschal, Mr. P. Welch, and Mr. D. Measures.

At the conclusion of the evening Mr. T. W. P. Vesey congratulated the boys prior to presenting the prizes.

RESULTS:

Under 61 lbs.	J. Jones (S) defeated J. Hooper (D)
" 68 "	D. Stubbs (B) and D. Shanks (B) — exhibition bout only.
" 75 "	W. Acton (B) defeated B. McCann (S)
" 82 "	W. Mayne (D) " J. Dresser (B)
" 89 "	F. Williams (D) " D. Macpherson (D)
" 96 "	A. Davidson (D) " J. Anderson (S)
" 104 "	S. Cartwright (S) " D. Ridgeway (B)
" 112 "	J. Smith (S) " R. Kempe (D)
" 120 "	D. Vallis (B) " G. Cook (B)
" 130 "	D. Thorne (S) " E. Simmons (B)
" 140 "	W. Cook (B) " M. Botelho (S)
" 155 "	T. Cassidy (B) " M. Caton (S)
155 lbs. and over	F. Crisson (W) " G. Grayston (W)

RESULTS:

	B	D	S	W
Points awarded for preliminaries	18	12	13	7
Points awarded for finals	67	35	60	15
Totals	85	47	73	22

K. B.

Inter-School Boxing — February 27, 1953

This year the boxing was held at Saltus, with five schools taking part. Saltus and Warwick were entered in every event, whilst Dellwood and St. George's competed in the majority. Port Royal also entered a small number of competitors. After the preliminaries were concluded, Saltus emerged with nine finalists out of a possible thirteen. F. Williams, D. Stubbs, A. Davidson and W. Cook were the defeated four, though all gave extremely good performances.

The evening of the 27th. found the Assembly Hall half empty but the standard of boxing was as high as ever. It is difficult to single

out any particular bout, but mention must be made of the extremely plucky display on the part of Mayne when he defeated an opponent whose height and reach should have given him a tremendous advantage.

Prizes were presented by Mr. C. R. S. Elford, Chairman of the Bermuda School Sports Association.

Results:

Under	61 lbs.	D. Saints (Dellwood) defeated J. Jones (Saltus)
"	68 "	W. Perry (Dellwood) was unchallenged by J. Mello (Port Royal)
"	75 "	W. Acton (Saltus) defeated W. Johnson (Warwick)
"	82 "	M. Mayne (Saltus) defeated R. Booth (St. George's)
"	89 "	A. Perry (Dellwood) defeated F. Haines (St. Georges)
"	96 "	R. Semas (Dellwood) defeated D. Outerbridge (St. George's)
"	104 "	S. Cartwright (Saltus) defeated R. Semos (St. George's)
"	112 "	J. Smith (Saltus) defeated M. Pimental (Dellwood)
"	120 "	D. Vallis (Saltus) defeated L. Hancock (St. George's)
"	130 "	D. Thorne (Saltus) defeated C. Hummel (Warwick)
"	140 "	D. Fisher (Warwick) defeated R. Locker (St. George's)
"	155 "	M. Caton (Saltus) defeated H. Veira (Warwick)
Over	155 lbs.	F. Crisson (Saltus) defeated C. Cooke (Warwick)

Cricket 1952

March 1953.

The 1952 season followed much the same pattern as the previous year; although the School were outplayed by a reasonably strong Old Boys' XI on Founder's Day, they succeeded in holding their own in most of the other matches and the final result of Won 2. Lost 2. Drawn 3. was not unsatisfactory. On the other hand, it would be idle to deny that the general standard of play often fell far below that expected of a school 1st XI. We are all naturally hoping that the arrival of Mr. G. Watson will mark the beginning of a new era in the school's cricket, but a vast amount of hard and unspectacular work will have to be done before any vital improvement can be discerned in the senior part of the school. Those who are hoping for immediate and dramatic results are, I am afraid, doomed to disappointment.

To return to the 1952 season. The batting lacked any dominant personality, who could be relied upon to hold the side together, as Dickens had done the previous year. Although all the main batsmen made runs on occasion, none of them struck really consistent form and the side's performances accordingly followed one of two patterns — either a sudden collapse following a good start or a desperate struggle for runs after an early crisis. Carey in particular, generally seemed likely to make runs, but only in one match, that against Warwick, did he manage to survive the first awkward ten minutes of his innings; his form on that occasion made one regret all the more his other failures. Burns, after a good start, was also disappointing; he is, unfortunately, wasting his undoubted gifts of eye and wrist by adopting methods which are radically unsound and which he seems unable to renounce. Siddell and Leach, despite their limited range of strokes, were the most successful batsmen on figures alone. But undoubtedly the most promising player was Grayston; he alone seems to possess the concentration, without which the most gifted cannot succeed, and this year, with a little more experience and a general tightening of his defensive methods, he should make a lot of runs.

Of the bowlers, Acton was undoubtedly the best, reasonably accurate, generally hostile and moving the ball just sufficiently to trouble the sort of batsmen by whom he was opposed. If he had been even moderately supported in the field, he might well have turned the issue on Founder's Day. Unfortunately, owing to an injured toe, he was able to play in only four matches. Carey took easily the most wickets and bowled very well at times, but too often he tended to sacrifice accuracy for speed, whilst Kempe, who appeared potentially the most promising, with a high action and a considerable off break, had constant trouble with the mat in his run-up and consequently never managed to settle down.

But, as in the 1951 season, the most disquieting feature of the side's performance was the general quality of the out-cricket. Siddell kept wicket quite competently and there were a number of players capable of good, and even brilliant, fielding on occasion; but despite the efforts of Burns as captain, the side never seemed to be able to maintain a sense of purpose and hostility in the field over a period of an hour and a half (the length of a normal innings in a school match). Moreover, however often they were reminded of them, most of the side consistently failed to observe some of the most elementary rules in the field; to take only one example, numerous catches went astray, simply because fielders would not stay where they were placed by the captain, or, occasionally, by the umpire (who was sometimes moved, by exasperation, to intervene in matters outside his normal province).

Part of this failure can no doubt be attributed to the fact that these basic lessons have not been sufficiently emphasised in the lower part of the school. But, in part also, I am afraid that it stems from something more serious and deep-seated, namely a failing in concentration and determination. Nobody expects a team of schoolboys to perform like an Australian XI. but, quite frankly, some of the fielding seen last season would not have been accepted in any ordinary English prep school side, composed of boys of twelve and thirteen. If we can manage to effect some improvement in this department of the game alone, the coming season will not have been entirely wasted.

In conclusion, I should like to express our thanks to Mr. Bach for all the assistance which he so kindly gave us last year. Let us hope that in the next two or three years his efforts, allied to those of Mr. Watson, will begin to raise the general standard of Saltus cricket to the point where the school can play, on equal terms, an Old Boys' XI composed exclusively of cricketers.

Results:—

Staff XI	58	
1st XI	75 — 5	Won.
Bank of Bermuda	186	
1st XI	53 — 4	Drawn.
1st XI	151 — 9	
H. A. & E. Smith's	116	Won.
1st XI	91 — 9	
Warwick Academy	72 — 6	Drawn.
Cable & Wireless	129 — 4	
1st XI	114	Lost.
Nondescript XI	122 — 4	
1st XI	58 — 9	Drawn.
1st XI	76 — 9	
Old Boys' XI	107 — 8	Lost.
Ridley College	38 — 0	
1st XI & Old Boys		Match abandoned.

Saltus Old Boys' Association

At the Annual General Meeting of the Saltus Old Boys' Association, held at the School Hall, Friday the sixth of February, 1953—one of the best attended meetings of recent years — the following Officers were elected: President — I. Stuart Outerbridge, Jr., Vice-President — W. T. Wilson, Hon. Treasurer — Wm. Brewer, Hon. Secretary — K. N. Doe, Committee of Management — Messrs. Horace Frith, Fenton Trimingham, Peter Welsh, John Watlington, Neville Conyers, Campbell Burroughs with the Headmaster of the School, H. J. Hallett, Esq., M.A. ex-officio member.

As a result of a discussion at the General Meeting there were amendments to the constitution separating the post of Secretary-Treasurer into two offices. At a subsequent meeting of your executive it was felt that the Association's membership should be broadened to include the fathers of boys attending Saltus, fathers whose sons had attended Saltus, and others who had shown particular interest in the School, all these in an honorary capacity. The above will be submitted for the approval of the members at a future General Meeting of the Association.

Your Association has, as you are no doubt aware, in the past underwritten certain improvements at the School — last year we provided the furniture for the lunch room; this year we have underwritten the expenses of alterations to the School Library — and it is our hope that we can raise the necessary funds at a Coronation Ball to be held at the Bermudiana on June 4th for which we ask your kind co-operation.

The Old Boy's Association is kept alive as a functioning organisation by the participation of the Old Boys of the School. If you attended Saltus, help the Association by becoming a financial member immediately. Any member of the Committee of Management will gladly receive your subscription.

CONGRATULATIONS — A. D. Spurling, P. C. Outerbridge, N. H. P. Vesey, Thad. Trott, Sir John Cox, Capt. N. B. Dill, H. T. Watlington, H. J. Tucker, H. D. Butterfield, J. E. Pearman, G. A. Cooper, W. R. Kempe, E. R. Williams, J. E. P. Vesey, J. C. Astwood, F. C. Misick were elected to the House of Assembly.

Billy Cooke graduated cum laude from St. Michael's College, Vermont.

2nd. Lt. R. N. Tucker was one of three honour graduates at the Officers' refresher course at Fort Jackson, S. Carolina.

R. L. Barnard was admitted to the Bermuda Bar in January of this year.

Capt. R. Gorham, Sgt. E. D. Powell, and L/Cpl. L. R. Motyer have been chosen to represent the Bermuda Rifles at the Coronation.

S. Gascoigne has been appointed Supervisor of Schools, Bermuda.

C. T. M. Collis has been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for 1953.

D. E. De Silva is now a member of the School Staff.

OBITUARY

Clarence Peniston, J. P. Bridge, John Fowle, Harry King, E. C. W. Hutt, C. Tucker Fowle, P. H. Adderley, W. S. Conyers.



